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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,250,000 in funding for the **Improving Communities Through Smart, and Resilient Infrastructure Investments** project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Southern Methodist University** located at 6425 Boaz Lane, Dallas, TX 75205.

The funding would be used for establishing a smart data and machine learning research, education, and workforce development program that informs critical investments in next-generation, resilient infrastructure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by studying smart, resilient, and inclusive infrastructure, and developing a trained workforce to support it, this project will improve the quality of life for communities across the nation. The SRI infrastructure program will serve as a model for next-generation infrastructure investment, becoming a critical resource for the nation's economic growth and resilience.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Colin Allred".

Colin Allred
Member of Congress